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SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed Charter Amendment

memorandum

TO: R17

    1. Please reference your memo, Serial: R17-18-79, Subject: Charter Amendment, dated 5 Feb 79, requesting comments on the proposed amendment to DCID 1/11. We have reviewed the proposal and agree that the DCI Computer Security Subcommittee should be empowered to address the problems associated with communications processors; however, the proposed amendment should be reworded to avoid ambiguity. At present, DIRNSA has responsibility for the protection of all classified traffic which is transmitted electrically. Thus, the phrase "..., or communicated by computer." may be misconstrued to conflict with DIRNSA's responsibility. The amendment is meant to include within the purview of the Subcommittee those computers that provide a communications function.

    2. The proposed amendment should also recognize existing responsibilities/ authorities in the Intelligence Community. Specifically, DoD DIR 5100.20 and the DCI Communications Intelligence Security Regulation (CISR) give DIRNSA/CHCSS responsiblity for protection of COMINT and SIGINT, and provide him the authority to issue regulations and standards, as appropriate.

    3. Additionally, there may already be documents which apply to communications processors which handle intelligence data. Notably, DoD DIR C5030.58M, produced jointly by NSA and DIA, provides criteria for consolidated SI/GENSER automated communications facilities.

    4. Accordingly, the following wording is suggested as the charter amendment:

    "Review, formulate, and recommend to the Director of Central Intelligence, security policies, requirements, and procedures which apply to ADP systems and networks which are used to process, store, or communicate intelligence data. In so doing, the Subcommittee will produce no regulations which conflict with existing authority or other regulatory documents in the area of intelligence data handling."

    5. Also, add to Paragraph 6 the following statement:

    "COMSEC techniques (e.g., cryptography) which are employed in ADP systems and networks for the protection of classified and unclassified information related to national security information will be approved
STAT   by the Director, NSA."

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